# **Aging and Disability Resource Center Vision**

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Report of the WI Council on Long-Term Care Reform
Sub-Committee for Expansion of Aging and Disability Resource Centers and the
Vision and Mission Statements of the first Aging and Disability Resource Centers

# The Mission

To empower and support seniors, people with disabilities and their families by providing useful information and finding the help people seek.

## The Purpose

Aging and Disability Resource Centers are a central source of information, assistance and access to community resources for older people and people with disabilities, as well as their families. Personalized assistance is available at the resource center, over the telephone, or in visits to an individual's home.

## The People

Individualized services are available to people who are elderly or who have a physical or developmental disability. People with a mental illness or a substance use disorder may receive individualized services from the Aging and Disability Resource Center or be connected to assistance through other resources. Aging and Disability Resource Centers are also available to help families and friends, caregivers, physicians, hospital discharge planners and other professionals who work with older people and people with disabilities.

### What We Do

- Provide a welcoming, attractive, accessible, place where older people and people with disabilities can go for any information, advice, and help in accessing services
- Provide one central source of reliable and objective information about a broad range of community resources of interest to elderly people and people with disabilities
- Help people to understand the various long term care options available to them
- Enable people to make informed, cost-effective decisions about long term care
- Help people conserve their personal resources, health and independence
- Reduce the demand for public funding for long term care by delaying or preventing the need for potentially expensive long term care
- Help people to apply for eligibility for programs and benefits, and use their communities' resources
- Serve as the single access point for publicly funded long term care

### Where to Learn More:

A more complete description of Aging and Disability Resource Centers can be found in the Report of the Resource Center Expansion Committee to the Wisconsin Council on Long Term Care Reform (see <a href="http://www.wcltc.state.wi.us/PDF/adrcrpt.pdf">http://www.wcltc.state.wi.us/PDF/adrcrpt.pdf</a>)